

REMARKS:

The above amendments have been made to include new claims for the Examiner's consideration. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 5, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group IV, with traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that unity of invention is not lacking in the present application. Applicants contend that the lack of a substituent at the 4-position of the phenyl-pyrrolidinyl moiety is a special technical feature of the present invention which represents, as a whole, the general inventive concept. Furthermore, this feature contributes over the cited document, WO 90/07500 A1, because the compounds disclosed in WO 90/07500 A1 require alkyl or alkenyl radical in the 4-position of the 1-phenylpyrrolidone (see the definition of R^3 in claim 1 of WO 90/07500 A1) whereas the present invention does not have a substituent in this position. Applicants also note that WO 90/07500 A1 does not teach or fairly suggest the lack of a substituent in the 4-position of the 1-phenylpyrrolidone. By this reasoning, the compounds of the present invention are distinguished from those disclosed in WO 90/07500 A1, thereby providing a contribution over the disclosure of WO 90/07500 A1.

In further response to the requirement to elect a single compound, Applicants hereby elect Example 3 of Table 2 (page 80 of the present specification), with traverse. This is the compound wherein R^* is a trifluoromethyl group in the 3 position of the phenyl ring, R^1 is hydrogen, R^2 is n-propyl, R^3 is hydrogen and $(A)_n$ is removed since $n = 0$. Applicants respectfully submit that this second election is being made with traverse because there is no indicated basis for this requirement. Applicants also contend that this second election is being made with traverse in order to avoid a non-compliant response and to satisfy the Examiner's requirement to provide an exact definition of all the substituents and variables associated with

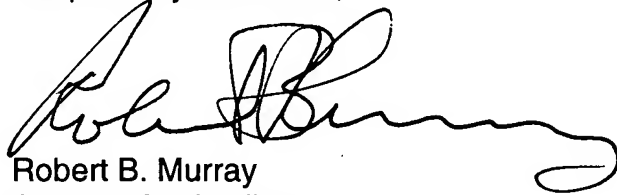
the compound of the present invention.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is believed in order. Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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